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Sgt. Stillerman Awarded Good Conduct Medal

Technical Sergeant Milton Stillerman of Torrance, crew chief in a P-51 Mustang fighter squadron, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal "for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in active federal military service for a period of one year while the United States is at war."

He has been stationed in England for eight months with an Eighth Air Force fighter station. He was a machinist's helper at the National Supply Co.



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Nine Torrance Men are Called

Nine Torrance men and one Lomitan were among the 25 recently inducted into the armed forces through Torrance Local Board 280, it is announced by Chairman Carl D. Steele.

Torrance men are John William Barber, Benjamin Dodge Smith, Arvol Patrick Smith, John William Guyan, Junior Henry Pukoff, John Francis Pierce, Everett Olen Myers and George William Lynch.

The Lomitan is Wendell Wade Jones.

From nearby communities the board inducted Forrest D. Cobabe, Ray W. Bell, Kenneth H. Wiley, C. B. Ybarra, Edward T. Jerald, Loren V. Leech, Harold E. Kluck, Charles E. Henry, James D. Mayo, Lee R. Lindsey, Abner D. Garrison, Leonard H. Radford, Wendell E. Baker, Conner Brown, C. Brooks and Troy E. S. White.

prior to his induction. T/Sgt. Stillerman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stillerman.

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Valiant Fight of T-Sgt. Tanouye Before His Death Is Revealed

(Editor's Note—The following item released by the War Department through the War Relocation Authority tells of the valiant action of T/Sgt. Ted T. Tanouye, Torrance Japanese, who was killed a few weeks ago in Italy. The item, the WRA explains, was written before his death but was not cleared for publication until after his death. Sergeant Tanouye entered the Army at Fort MacArthur in February, 1942, completed his training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and went overseas in May, 1944. He was wounded in Italy on Sept. 1, and died Sept. 6. He was 24 years of age, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nikuma Tanouye, and five brothers and sisters. The family is now at the Rohrer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.

Sgt. Tanouye finished high school at Torrance in 1938 and was a member of the football team two years.

The following is a quotation from a letter of condolence sent to Mr. Tanouye by his son's commanding officer, "He was a credit to his race, an excellent soldier, a loyal American who was respected and



T/Sgt. T. T. TANOUYE

admired by everyone in the company."

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY,

ITALY—In the recent fight for Hill 140 on the Fifth Army front in Italy Technical Sergeant Ted T. Tanouye, Torrance, Calif., personally knocked out two machineguns and killed 14 Germans.

Leading a dawn attack Tanouye's platoon of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory Division forces on the heavily fortified Hill 140.

The terrain afforded little cover. Ordering his men to dig in as best they could, Tanouye, with two men, skirted the positions of an enemy machinegun holding up the advance. Armed with his Tommygun and hand grenades, he crawled through open space under heavy small arms fire to within grenade range of the machinegun. Making a final dash toward his objective, he pulled the pin, tossed his grenade and hit the dirt. He scored a direct hit on the nest and killed the two machinegunners.

With dawn, the three men came under the observation of the enemy and were fired on by six snipers. Picking off three of the Germans, one by one, the Japanese Americans withdrew and rejoined their platoon.

Reorganizing his platoon, Tanouye, with one Browning automatic rifleman, successfully flanked the enemy main position on the hill while the rest of his men made a frontal attack. After he had been knocked down but not seriously injured by a grenade fragment, Tanouye rushed another troublesome machinegun nest and put it out of action by killing all four members of its crew with his Tommygun.

His action, followed by a barrage laid down by his mortar men, opened the way for the remainder of the 34th Division troops to drive the Germans from their hilltop position. During this drive a German lieutenant and most of his 60 men were killed or captured. Sergeant Tanouye was credited with an additional eight Germans killed and seven wounded.

The fighting Japanese American was a sales clerk in Torrance before he entered the service at Fort MacArthur, Calif., in February, 1942. His mother, Mrs. Momoya Tanouye, lives at the Rohrer Relocation Center near McGehee, Ark.

The enlisted personnel of the 442nd is made up of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

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Sugar Stamp No. 34 Is Good Starting Today

Sugar stamp 34 in War Ration Book Four is good for buying five pounds of sugar beginning today, according to Lloyd R. Green, chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Ration Board. OPA has been validating a sugar stamp—good for five pounds—every two and one-half months since Mar. 16, 1943. The stamp, like other sugar stamps now being used, will be good indefinitely for buying sugar. Other stamps, validated in the past, which also are good indefinitely for use in buying sugar are Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33. Sugar stamp No. 40, validated Feb. 1, 1944, is good for buying five pounds of sugar for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

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FRED MARSTELLER... serving in A.A.F. in England, has been advanced to sergeant. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsteller of 1314 Anapola ave.

RALPH RUGRAFF... a private serving in A.A.F. at Douglas, Ariz., was recently joined by his wife, Maxine, who will make her home near his base.

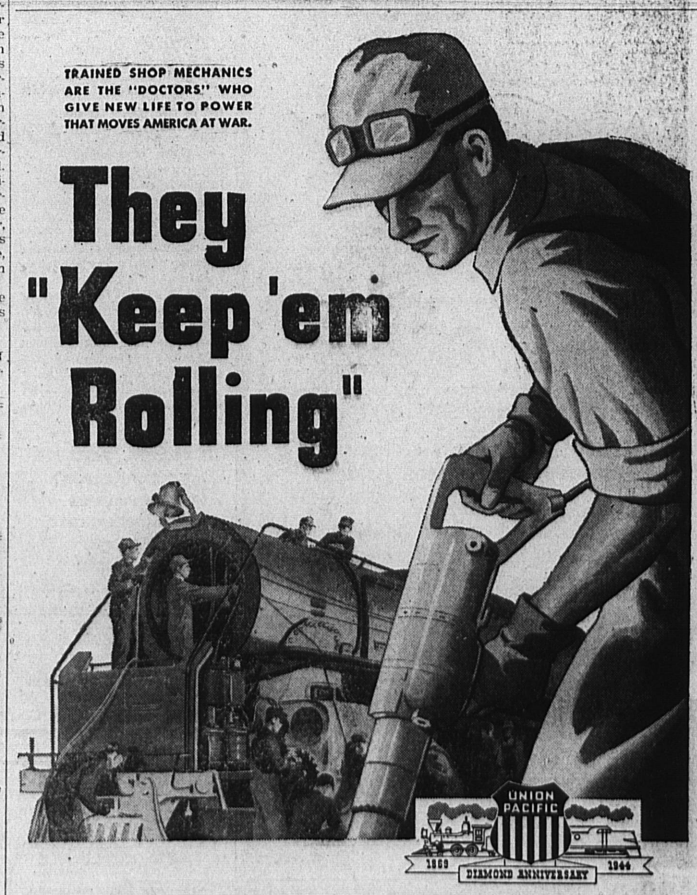
DELBERT J. THOMSEN... a sergeant in A.A.F., stationed at Douglas, Ariz., was joined recently by his wife, Juanita, who is employed in personnel work at the same post.

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